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SPOKE BEFORE CHADRON CLUB

Secretary of Alliance Commercial Club Delivered Interesting Speech at Chadron

Secretary W. D. Fisher of the Alliance Commercial Club attended a meeting of the Chadron Commercial Club Monday evening and delivered an interesting speech. Part of the speech follows:

When you subscribe to a commercial club you are not giving a donation unless you refuse to attend the meetings or help in the work, but to any body of citizens who subscribe for this work and then assist, they are making an investment that will pay 100 cents on the dollar.

Some say, "Why should I join a commercial club?"

I would suggest for the civic pride that is in you.

For the spirit of helpfulness and the love of progress that is the measure of your good citizenship.

For the friends you will gain, the good you will accomplish and the precious fellowship of co-operation you will experience and retain as an enduring possession.

Isn't it true that if your town grows, your real estate becomes more valuable? Doesn't your professional practice have a larger field? No matter what you are doing, whom you are working for, don't you have a greater opportunity to gain your commercial and professional ends?

The Commercial Club is the only organization devoted to the commercial interests of the city. It is the clearing house of the city's troubles. It is the barometer of the city's progress. Every citizen interested in the city's growth and prosperity should belong to this organization.

A commercial club without an adequate membership is as useless as an automobile without an engine.

Personal benefits from membership may not be immediately apparent, but your name on the roster creates a favorable impression in the minds of outsiders and adds prestige to your business, profession or position.

Bear in mind that accomplishments of the Commercial Club are always credited to its membership as a whole and everything done by the Club is a benefit to all. If you are interested in your city, join the club and be known as a live wire—get into the boat and take hold of the oar.

Secretary Fisher then explained the budget system and showed where the club had been able to do more effective work than ever before at less expense. Where the business men knew at the start what it would cost them and that their time would not be taken up by this committee and that committee asking for the different donations.

He cited a few of the important things the Alliance Club had accomplished:

Furnished over two hundred farmers in the last six weeks, free of charge, men for farm work.

Protected the merchants from being fleeced out of money by fake settlers.

Gave a free Labor day celebration for the shop people and farmers and over 3,000 people were in attendance.

Secured over ten thousand lines of free advertising for Alliance, simply because we had a commercial club that knew how to get this free advertising.

Up to date, nine magazines of note have written articles concerning Alliance and her Commercial Club and just recently the second set of moving pictures have been taken and these will be shown all over the United States as well as the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Sent an agricultural exhibit to Chicago and erected a large sign at the Alliance depot advertising Alliance.

Was instrumental in securing two more blocks of cluster lights and the club is now working on the proposition of a city manager.

Secured new waste cans for the main street and with the co-operation of the city council, arrangements have now been made to clean the main street every day of the loose papers and rubbish.

Gave the farmers a free banquet. Have held seven banquets for the members during the last seven months, thus creating the fellowship of co-operation that means a bigger and more prosperous community.

Have started a movement for a farm demonstrator and up to date over one hundred farmers have subscribed.

Issued 20,000 pamphlets advertising Box Butte county.

Gave \$150 towards defraying the expenses at the State Fair.

Helped reorganize the Farmers' Institute.

Increased the membership from seventy-four to over three hundred, and as a result, Alliance has secured more good advertising in six months than she has before secured in three years.

Up to date, have secured five conventions for next year.

Opened a traffic bureau and have audited over one hundred freight bills, saving the merchants up to date at least one-third of their dues.

The club received fifty per cent of this refund.

Three years ago \$5,000 in bonds were voted for park purposes. \$4,000 of this was spent for the grounds but nothing was done toward giving the citizens a park. Several committees waited upon the different councils but nothing was done. Today actual work has been started, a park board has been appointed and all of this was accomplished in two months time.

By not having a commercial club, Alliance has lost thousands of dollars and the above item is only one of many which proves that a wide awake commercial club is an investment and not a donation.

OLD-TIMER VISITS ALLIANCE

Wyoming Ranchman who Built First Business House in This City

J. W. Ditto of Gillette, Wyo., who owns a ranch five miles from that town, visited friends in Box Butte county several days, leaving here this week for southern Colorado, where he expects to spend part of the winter with a son. He is familiar with conditions in the strike zone in Colorado, and is highly pleased with the course taken by President Wilson in dealing with matters there.

Mr. Ditto helped to found Alliance and of course is pleased with the continued growth of the city. He put up the first business building on Box Butte avenue, the old frame just south of the new Elks building. Joe Bills did the carpenter work for him.

Mr. Ditto keeps posted on affairs in Alliance and western Nebraska by reading The Herald.

MILLIONS OF ACRES OPEN

Forthcoming Report of Secretary Lane Will Show Lands Settled and Those Still Open

As an answer to the impression which seems to exist that all the public lands of any value have long since been taken up, Secretary Lane, in an advance statement from his annual report, calls attention to the fact that, since March 4, 1913, settlers have made entry on nearly 20,000,000 acres of public lands—an area equal to that of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New Jersey, combined. During the same period practically as much more coal and other mineral land of the West has been examined in detail in 40-acre tracts by the Geological Survey, and most of it has been thrown open to settlement or purchase. Some of these lands, such as those which include workable deposits of phosphate or oil, are still withdrawn pending suitable legislation for their disposal or use. Another important activity in public-land classification to which the Secretary calls attention is the designation of lands for entry as "enlarged" or 320-acre homesteads. Designations under this law approved by him cover 33,543,056 acres.

The extract from the Secretary's report contains a series of maps of twelve public-land states showing in graphic form (1) the areas withdrawn from entry in those states between March, 1913, and July, 1914; (2) the areas restored to entry; (3) the designations under the enlarged-homestead law, and (4) land taken up by settlers. Thus, for example, the map of Montana shows the total area for the state, 93,000,000 acres; lands withdrawn from entry 67,741 acres; lands restored to entry after examination, 3,171,558 acres; lands designated under the enlarged-homestead law, 11,022,854 acres; and lands entered by settlers, 7,417,291 acres. The other states in which public-land activities have been large and which are discussed by the Secretary are Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, North Dakota, Arizona, California, and Nevada.

Opened to Entry

Secretary Lane has just made orders extending to the following land the provisions of the enlarged homestead act. This action is taken after the lands have been determined by examination to be nonirrigable, and the orders become effective January 11, 1915, on which date such of the lands affected as are vacant public lands will be subject to be taken up as homesteads in tracts of 320 acres each.

About 37,000 acres widely distributed over the state of Utah.

More than 170,000 acres in the state of Idaho, mainly in Elmore county, north and northwest of Mountain Home.

More than 165,000 acres in Wyoming, the greater portion of which is situated southeast of Laramie in Albany county; south and southwest of Rawlins in Carbon county, and in Uinta county.

Descriptions of the lands affected by the orders will be furnished to the appropriate local land offices where further information may be obtained and applications to enter may be filed.

NICELY FURNISHED ROOMS

With or without board. Close in Private residence. Phone 175. 51-1f

What better way of living up to the full meaning of Christmas Time?

Buy your share of Red Cross Seals



"That's the right Christmas spirit"

YOU can show the "Christmas spirit" by buying Red Cross Christmas Seals and placing them on the backs of letters, on parcels sent by mail or express, and in other ways. No charge is made for advertising and selling these Seals in Alliance this year. The entire proceeds go to alleviate the sufferings of humanity.

For the convenience of persons who wish to purchase Red Cross Christmas Seals in Alliance, they have been placed on sale at the following named places:

- Alliance Herald office.
- Alliance Semi-Weekly Times office.
- Mrs. Lotspeich's Variety Store.
- On Saturday, Dec. 19, in the post office lobby.

THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

John Clay, of Clay, Robinson & Co., Live Stock Commission Men. Tells of Useless Scare

Eugene Hall, well known Alliance stockman, has called our attention to the following article on the foot and mouth disease. The article is taken from the Clay, Robinson & Company live stock report of December 4. It reads as follows:

An Iowa reader writes us as follows: "In a recent issue of your Live Stock Report you printed an item about the hoof and mouth disease not being fatal and that the writer of the item, which I thought was Mr. John Clay of your firm, had experience with it in Scotland. It gave me the impression that you could tell me if the cattle get over the hoof and mouth disease how long before the cattle are fit for food and how long before one would be safe to use the milk from a cow that had gotten over it? How long before they would let you ship cattle to the market? Do cattle get it more than once? I have not learned much about the disease, hence this letter."

The above letter is one of many inquiries we have received as to the disease. To those who have not gone up against it, there is the fear that comes from ignorance, and then to add to this feeling comes the wild statements made in the press. We may take it for granted that our newspapers know little or nothing about the disease, but in the search for something new, they exploited conditions in the most sensational way. As stated in a late number of this publication, the writer saw, in fact lived among, animals infected with foot and mouth disease for years, and never saw one die, except a few lambs when a band of ewes were attacked during lambing season. At the Coliseum, outside the Yards, where the dairy cattle are quarantined, we have not heard of a single mature animal succumbing to the disease. They are reported as doing first rate and after ten days or two weeks getting back to normal. But, says the alarmist, it will spoil their breeding qualities. To this we answer that in the early seventies

more or less every animal in Great Britain had it, male and female, and the production of cattle, sheep and hogs kept going ahead. Don't be deceived, history will repeat itself.

What has made an ordinary molehill has been made into a mountain, and amid scientific savants who should know better, a good deal of theatrical display. Here is an instance of exaggeration among our newspapers. Our most conservative evening paper had a big scare line in its five o'clock edition, published at noon, as follows: "Chicago's Milk Supply in Danger." A leading banker, who had picked up one of the papers, asked the writer what it meant. This party was accustomed to headlines and did not grow pale at the thought of his children being cut off from their milk. Now what were the facts? Outside the dairy herd cattle safely quarantined at the yards, not a single dairy herd of the hundreds that supply Chicago with milk was affected, but even if one or two had caught the disease no milk could have left the premises and even if it did, it was ten to one that it would have been pasteurized.

Now in regard to our correspondent's questions. They are questions for our doctors to answer, more than for a layman. My experience in a practical school is that we used the milk just as the flow came back after the disease, and we never got



this bugaboo of the disease, a human attack. And that in the face of daily contact with infected animals. In the open field, thirty to forty days was considered ample time to be cleared of infection. Possibly to make things safe it should be extended to sixty days. Byres, barns, etc., should be disinfected and that is easy in these days of chemical research. Lastly about animals having a recurrence of the disease. That we cannot answer. The great Booth Shorthorn herd many years ago suffered severely from this disease. They were strongly inbred. Their constitutions and natural functions were impaired by inbreed and unnatural conditions. As we recollect the disease visited the herd several times, but so far as our ordinary stock of the farm was concerned, it did not come back.

While the disease is troublesome, highly infectious and not desirable, accept with a grain of salt much of what you hear about it. J. C.

NEW FANCY-WORK SHOP

Mrs. Albro's New Store in a Convenient Location

An advertisement appears in this issue of The Herald for Mrs. Clara Albro's shop for the sale of fancy work, which was recently opened in the Imperial theatre building, in the room occupied by Ray's flower store.

Mrs. Albro has a convenient location for the sale of the line of goods which she is handling. She is well known in and around Alliance, and should receive a liberal patronage.

FINAL PROOF BY DESERTED WIFE

Wise Provision of New Law for Protection of Married Women Who Reside on Homesteads

By an act of congress, approved October 22 of this year it is provided in any case in which persons have regularly initiated claims to public lands as settled claims under the provisions of the homestead laws and the wife of such homestead settler or entryman, while residing upon the homestead claim and prior to submission of final proof of residence, cultivation, and improvement as prescribed by law, has been abandoned and deserted by her husband for a period of more than one year, the deserted wife shall, upon establishing the fact of such abandonment or desertion to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior, be entitled to submit proof (by way of commutation or otherwise) upon such claim and obtain patent therefor in the name in the form, manner, and subject to the conditions prescribed in section twenty-two hundred and ninety-one of Revised Statutes of the United States and acts supplemental thereto and amendatory thereof:

Provided, That in such cases the wife shall be required to show residence upon, cultivation, and improvement of the homestead by herself for such time as when, added to the time during which her husband prior to desertion had complied with the law, would aggregate to full amount of residence, improvement, and cultivation required by law:

And provided further, That the published and posted notices of intention to submit final proof in such cases shall recite the fact that the proof is to be offered and patent sought by applicant as a deserted wife, and, prior to its submission, notice thereof shall be served upon the husband of the applicant in such a manner and under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe.

Stays with the Office

Five years ago last election Miss Gertrude Jordan, deputy treasurer of Cherry county, was elected county treasurer. Two years later she was re-elected for another two years. By the change in the election laws her second term was lengthened another year. At the last election she could not be a candidate for another re-election as county treasurer as she held the office only two consecutive terms, but her deputy, Charles E. Swanson, was elected to take her place. Since election she has married Mr. Swanson, so that she will still keep in touch with the office in which she has given efficient service for so many years.

Prompt Action Will Stop Your Cough

When you first catch a Cold (often indicated by a sneeze or cough), break it up at once. The idea that "it does not matter" often leads to serious complications. The remedy which immediately and easily penetrates the lining of the throat is the kind demanded. Dr. King's New Discovery soothes the irritation, loosens the phlegm. You feel better at once. "It seemed to reach the very spot of my Cough" is one of many honest testimonials. 50c at your Druggist. adv 1-4799

The Chicagoan who mistook another man's wife for his own affords additional evidence that every prudent man should hasten to get acquainted with his wife.

COMMERCIAL CLUB REPORT

Report for Last Two Months by Secretary Fisher of Work Accomplished by Club

Secretary W. D. Fisher of the Alliance Commercial Club presented the following report at the monthly club smoker held at the city hall Friday evening. The report was for the last two months as no smoker was held during November on account of the banquet. The report is as follows:

Helped reorganize the Farmers' Institute.

Sent the largest delegation by a special train to Hyannis that Alliance has ever sent.

Through the efforts of the publicity committee, the co-operative style show of Alliance was written up in three of the largest magazines in the East.

Held the first series of meetings at the City Hall in order that the membership might have an opportunity to see and know what the club was really doing.

After two months work on the part of the Civic committee, a park board was appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council, and work has already been started by this committee. Also the \$1,000 for park purposes has been turned over to this committee. To those who say they can't see what the Commercial Club has done or is doing, their attention is called to this item. Who is benefited by a city park? Can just a few persons enjoy this privilege or does the whole town benefit by it?

Secured the extension of the cluster lights on East Third street.

Secured the Farmers' Institute and helped the farmers with their program.

Gave the farmers of Box Butte county the first free banquet ever given by the Commercial Club.

Seventeen new members joined the Commercial Club during these two months.

Collected for dues \$1,401 during the same period.

Secured H. C. Diesem, a government engineer from North Platte, to talk to our farmers on pump irrigation.

Helped to organize a farmers' club, it being the first one organized in Box Butte county.

Through the columns of our newspapers, the farmers' club published an article of appreciation of the work the Commercial Club did in helping make the Institute a success and for the free banquet and entertainment furnished them, thus creating a friendly feeling that means a more prosperous and happy community.

Arranged for twelve meetings in one week in the different school houses in order that the farmers might know more about the farm demonstrator work.

Started a campaign for a farm demonstrator for Box Butte county and up to date over one hundred farmers have subscribed towards this work. A farm demonstrator will increase the value of every farm in Box Butte county where co-operation is shown, and if the Commercial Club did no other work for a whole year but to secure this demonstrator, it will be worth all our time and effort.

Held the first boys' banquet ever given by a commercial club in western Nebraska, again showing the value of such an organization and accomplishing something that has never before been undertaken in Alliance.

Since the silo trip, nine new silos have been erected, and we are now making arrangements for a bigger trip next year.

Secured through our local papers during these two months, tight thousand two hundred lines; in the Lincoln, Omaha and Denver papers, three thousand lines; in the Lincoln Trade Review, eight hundred lines; in the Omaha Trade Exhibit, one thousand two hundred and fifty lines; Business, published in Detroit, a one-thousand word article, reaching 20,000 people; American City, published in New York, a two page article with illustrations showing actual work done by the club; and in Town Development, of New York, an 1800 word article concerning Alliance and the work of her Commercial Club.

Found employment for twenty-two people.

Nine solicitors came to the secretary's office for endorsements and all were turned down because they were not entitled to our endorsement. This proposition alone has been worth half the average merchants subscription to the Commercial Club.

Secured Prof. Condra of the Nebraska University to give an illustrated lecture on Nebraska and also to take the views of Alliance which will be shown at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. This advertising was secured by the Commercial Club free of charge and shows that the biggest and best people in the country recognize such an organization.

SEE MRS. KEHRUNG

For the "Nu Bone" Corset, a corset made to measure and not sold in the stores. Phone 287. dec31f4812